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SUBJ: EXTRAORDINARY CEOSL CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY: EXTRAORDINARY CEOSL CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21 APPEARS TO BE ON TRACK. AN ESTIMATED TWO-THIRDS OF CEOSL-AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. NO PREDICTIONS ON OUTCOME BUT HOPEFULLY RECOGNITION OF ONE CEOSL BY MINISTRY OF LABOR WILL BE ACHIEVED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EXTRAORDINARY CEOSL CONGRESS CONVENED UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE CEOSL CONSTITUTION BY 18 AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN CUENCA JUNE 21. LATEST ESTIMATES ARE THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 OF THE 43 AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED. NINE OF THE FEDERATIONS STRONGLY ALLIED WITH LUIS VILLACRES, HEAD OF CEOSL #2, ARE NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

3. IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MINISTRY COOPERATION IN GRANTING LEGAL PERSONALITY TO EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS, EFRAIN REDROVAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS, CALLED ON THE SUBSECRETARY OF LABOR IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND URGED THAT THE MINISTRY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO OBSERVE THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS. SUBSECREATRY OF LABOR WAS CORDIAL BUT NON-COMMITTAL AND, AT HIS REQUEST, REDROVAN LEFT COPIES OF THE

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OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CONVENING OF THE EXTRA-

ORDINARY CONGRESS FOR MINISTRY STUDY.

4. COMMENT: IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE CONGRESS WILL DEFINITELY COME OFF BUT WE ARE TOO PRUDENT TO ATTEMPT A PREDICTION OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN THERE. AIFLD SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND CONGRESS HAVE MISSION APPROVAL. MISSION AND AIFLD STANCE WITH RESPECT TO CONGRESS HAS BEEN ONE OF SUPPORT FOR UNIFICATION BUT COMPLETE NEUTRALITY WITH RESPECT TO CONTENDING AMBITIOUS LEADERS. MOST POSITIVE RESULT WE CAN EXPECT, REGARDLESS OF WHO EMERGES AS NEW LEADER, WOULD BE ACHIEVEMENT OF LEGAL RECOGNITION BY NEW CEOSL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THUS OPENING WAY FOR ORIT AND OTHER TRADE UNION RELATIONS.
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